(b) if so, the objectives of the said Academy; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up and where?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal to set up a Civil Aviation Security Training Academy is at a nascent stage. The objective of the Academy is to ensure effectiveness of the national civil aviation security programme by developing and implementing suitable training programmes.

(c) Does not arise.

Stranded HAJ Pilgrims at Jeddah

3216. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India left Haj Pilgrims stranded in Jeddah;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir. There were, indeed, some initial glitohes but flights are on schedule and the Haj operation is likley to be completed ahead of schedule by 21.4.2000.

International Status to Airports

3217. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 177 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 2000 and state:

(a) whether any State Government has submitted representations to include new airport for international status; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (b) It has now been decided to declare existing domestic airports at Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Goa, Amritsar, Guwahati and the new Cochin Airport at Nedumbassery as international airports.

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